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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2003, Applicants respond as follows:

## REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0015563 to Murakimi et al. and indicated that claims 19 and 20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.